ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hance Robert B (Last) (First) (Middle) 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2008					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)		
ABBOTT P	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Senior Vice President 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and : (A) or	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
shares without par value	02/15/2008			A	19,700 (1)	A	\$ 55.56	139,481	D	
Common shares without par value	02/17/2008			F	1,865	D	\$ 55.55	137,616	D	
Common shares without par value	02/18/2008			F	746	D	\$ 55.55	136,870	D	

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Common

shares without par 02/19/2008 S 818 D \$ 56.05 D

value

Common shares without par 5,812 (2) I sharing trust

value

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 1. Title of 4. 5. Number of 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Execution Date, if **Underlying Securities** Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Acquired (A) (Instr. 3) Price of (Instr. 8) (Month/Day/Year) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Date Expiration or Exercisable Date Title Or Number of Shares

Amount

Option (right to \$55.56 02/15/2008 A 78,700 02/15/2009 02/14/2018 $\frac{\text{Common shares}}{\text{Solution}}$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hance Robert B Senior
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD Vice
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400 President

Signatures

Deborah K. Koenen, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert B.
Hance
02/20/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- These shares represent performance vested restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program. The
- (1) awards have a 5-year term, with no more than 1/3 of the award vesting in any one year upon Abbott reaching a minimum return on equity target. The awards include the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.
- (2) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 14, 2008
 - Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section
- (3) 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 26,234 on 02/15/2009, 26,233 on 02/15/2010, and 26,233 on 02/15/2011.

Remarks:

These transactions were made pursuant to previously adopted plans complying with Rule 10b5-1(c). The plans were adopted Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.